HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 5, 1974

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Third report of Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, in both official languages—Mr. Prosper Boulanger.

[Editor's Note: Text of foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF AIDE MÉMOIRE AND DRAFT TRADE AGREEMENT PRESENTED TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in answer to a question asked yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition, I indicated that I would attempt to table today some documents related to Canada's relations with the European Community.

[English]

Under Standing Order 41(2) I should like to table in both official languages copies of the following documents: an aide memoire of April 27, 1974 presented to the European community; an illustrative draft of a possible trade agreement presented to the European community; and the presentation of September 26 in New York by a senior Canadian official to the Committee of Political Directors General of the Nine.

FISHERIES

STRIKE AT TRANSCONA PLANT OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the commercial fishing season in northern Manitoba opened on November 1, and in view of the fact that fish will be shipped to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation at Transcona the employees of which are now on strike and that this emergency situation is effecting the total collapse of the commercial fishery in Manitoba, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway):

That the Minister of State (Fisheries) take immediate and necessary steps to have this strike resolved.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the terms of the motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

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IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON CHARGES AGAINST IMMIGRATION OFFICERS BY HAITIAN FEMALES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the recent controversy regarding the deportation of Haitian citizens from Canada and the imminent dangers these people now face, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond:

That the Minister of Manpower and Immigration be instructed by this House to report to parliament immediately on the progress of the judicial inquiry instituted by the minister a year ago into charges made by Haitian female immigrants about the immoral and despicable practices of certain immigration officials in Montreal.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members have heard the motion. Once again I have some doubt about the urgency and pressing necessity of the matter, however, there does appear to be some element of that and I try wherever possible to resolve the issue in favour of the proponent of the motion in view of the fact that the motion requires unanimous consent pursuant to Standing Order 43. Under those circumstances, the House having heard the motion, is there unanimous consent that it be debated at this time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent it cannot be accepted.